AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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- 1. (currently amended) Interface (1) of a tool having
- a first part (3) comprising a seat configured as a female taper (7), which part has a first conduit section located concentrically with its center axis,
- a second part (5) having a hollow shaft taper (9) introduceable into the mount, which part has a second conduit section (29) located concentrically with its center axis and a hole (19) with a wall which is provided with an annular groove (23) surrounding a clamping shoulder (25), where the center axes of the first and second parts (3, 5) align, and having
 - a collet chuck (21) anchored in the first part (3) having two chuck jaws which comprises an actuating device (43) coacting with the chuck jaws which can be activated by means of an actuating element, where the chuck jaws engage the annular groove (23) from inside in one operating position, characterized in that the collet chuck (21) has a full-length central passage which continues firstly into the first conduit section in the first part (3) and secondly into the second conduit section (29) in the second part (5) and in that the actuating device (43) has a caging element (47) which can be shifted to two operating positions and which has a central passage (71) which is located such that the center axes of the first and second parts (3, 5) run through said passage in both operating positions.

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- 2. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with claim 1, wherein the actuating device (43) is accessible through a first radial recess (57) in the hollow shaft taper (9) and through a second radial recess (59) provided in the first part (3) and aligning with the first recess.
- 3. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with claim 1 or 2, wherein two lugs (49; 51) are provided on the caging element (47).
- 4. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with claim 3, wherein the first lug (49) is connected to a first chuck jaw (41).
- 5. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with claim 4, wherein the second lug (51) has an external thread (81) which coacts with a second chuck jaw (41').
- 6. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with one of the claims 2 to 5 claim 2, wherein a cap nut (55) is provided which is furnished with an internal thread coacting with the second lug (51) and an external thread coacting with the second chuck jaw (41').
- 7. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with claim 6, wherein the cap nut (55) is provided with an actuating opening (75) for an actuator on the side facing away from the second lug (51), preferably configured as an indentation.

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8. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with ene of the preceding elaims claim 1, wherein the internal thread and the external thread on the cap nut (55) have the same pitch.

9. (currently amended) Interface in accordance with one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterized by a small tube which projects at least through areas of the conduit section in the first part (3), of the passage (71) in the caging element (47) and at least partially through areas of the second conduit section in the second part (5).

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